

Lewis Tappan Nov. 7. 1844.

New York, Nov. 7/44.

Dear Brother Phelps;

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Years of the 4<sup>th</sup> century is just received.  
The hundred

I enclose ~~five~~ <sup>one hundred</sup> dollars on account. It will be  
sent you when you want more.

perfectly convenient to pay you as you want money. Please send me  
just write me for the amount due & I will seal it to you. Please send me  
two receipts of equal sums, one for the Amer. & Far. Anti-S. Soc. and one for  
the Union Anti-S. Soc. ] I will send the paper you mention.

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A gentleman called on me lately - whose name  
is Washington City - has lived in Gloucester - Va.

I forgot - who said he lives in Maryland? He intends, he said, to get up a subscription petition to Congress this winter for the abolition of slavery in D.-C. I think he may be the old Bigelow you mention. What reliance is to be placed in him I do not know. He talked well.

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physical or moral courage. I think you ~~are~~ would be well qualified for pastor of an anti s. ch. in Washington, but I am not persuaded that funds States can be employed in that way, to advance the anti s. cause, better than in other ways. How can we expect to do much in Slave territories while the chhs are so detached in the free states? A professedly anti slavery chh. is not perhaps admissible anywhere. Such a church can not be built & sustained even here, except on a small scale. What hope then, that, at present, one could be sustained at Wash-ington.

I have thought more of the newspaper project,  
and to have a handsome wably sheet to

I believe it would be very desirable to have a paper  
advocate all the great branches of xian benevolence. Such a paper must  
needs be forced upon the community. When the man or men are found  
to be willing to expend 10 to 15000 dollars <sup>it can be done.</sup> by subscription  
no existing paper, religious or secular, can be sustained in this city  
~~which~~<sup>is</sup> independent of popular sentiment. See how cautious the Boston  
Recorder is - how tame the N.Y. Evangelist - Then for slaves the  
N.Y. Observer!

[Sometimes I feel almost disengaged about my  
health, and continuance in business here. Were I ten years younger & in  
my present business I would prosecute it vigorously & appropriate 5 or 6000  
dollars a year to the advancement of the anti-s. cause. It would delight  
me much to establish an office here - have the Reporter & U. Minn. Review  
issued once a fortnight - and have your brother Wright here devoting  
all your energies to the anti-s. cause, including the various enter-  
prise. But every now & then a little over-work prostrates me for a  
time & makes me think of quitting business the city  
& retiring into some snug retreat.]

There never was a better opportunity than the present to work  
in the Anti-S. cause. The attention of the nation is turned to the subject.  
We ought, at head quarter here (for N.Y. is said to be the head quarters  
of all philanthropic efforts) to have machinery in motion that will  
keep the subject alive before the country.

Is it not best to have a convention called to meet in this  
city to consider what steps should be taken in the first degree,  
as soon as the result of the Presidential election is known? Not  
a large convention, but 50 men say, selected from different States.  
There are funds enough & talents enough, among anti-S. men,  
& properly directed, to agitate the nation more advantageously than  
ever.

I send you all the material I have for the Union cause  
and remain very truly yours

Peter Tappan.

P. S.

E. Wright Jr has accepted my proposition to come on here  
as labor for me one year for \$600. My intention has been to employ  
him in my office &c. Last evening the Ex. Com. of the Amer & For. Anti-  
S. Soc. talked the matter over & seemed to think - as they naturally  
thought - that it would be a shame to employ such a man  
in an office, as a clerk; and they expressed a wish that Mr. Wright  
should be in the service of the Society. Jacob of Albany thinks Ellsworth  
would not be the best man to edit the Reporter, but he would ride  
the Liberty party hobby too hard &c. What think you? The Com. think  
that he might devote much of his time to reading the city papers  
with anti-S. intelligence &c.

Mr Perkins of Hudson thinks that the Union men Soc  
had best be re-organized. Mr Scudder wrote me to the same  
effect. My own opinion is decidedly that this is the work you  
are best fitted for - Secy of a Missionary Society, embracing all  
the anti-S. musicians. If our efforts were concentrated we  
might do much good. Of what use is it to have a paper  
here & a paper at Boston? Perhaps it may be well to  
have a convention called on the subject. I can not where  
the Society is located, but we ought to have a good paper  
& a good Secy, & good Treasurer. We can talk  
the matter over with the friends of the cause. The Com. here

Rev H. Bingham has written to me, enclosing a communication  
and answer to Mr Andrews' letter in last U.M. It is filled with  
queries. I wrote to him that I thought Mr Andrews could answer  
his queries better than myself that the next no. was preoccupied -  
that I would lay his communication before the Com. C. H.B. does  
not agree with Mr A. in what he states.

Please call at Mr Dunbar's, 408 Kilby  
st. for a parcel.

Scudder  
Mrs. dredge  
Draft.  
5 School

Mr Dunbar



Rev. Amos A. Phelps

Boston